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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM KING FAISAL FOR PRESIDENT FORD RESPONDING TO THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF SAUDI MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OMAR SAQQAF.

2. QUOTE: I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR EXCELLENCY'S MESSAGE OFFERING YOUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF H.E. SAYYID OMAR SAQQAF, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFIARS. WHILE THANKING YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR NOBLE FEELINGS, I PRAY ALMIGHTY GOD THAT HE MAY COVER THE DECEASED WITH HIS GRACE AND MAKE HIM THE INHABITANT OF HIS PARADISE, FOR THE LATE SAQQAF WAS LOYAL TO HIS HOMELAND, DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF ALL HIS ARAB AND MOSLEM BRETHERN, AND STRIVING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. PLEASE CONVEY MY THANKS TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHO DEMONSTRATED NOBLE SENTIMENTS ON THIS SAD OCCASION. ALSO MRS. SAQQAF SENDS HER THANKS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S WIFE. MAY GOD GRANT YOU HEALTH AND SUCCESS. FAISAL. END QUOTE.

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